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La Puente Man Sentenced to Prison for Sexually Abusing Children

A 46-year-old man was sentenced today to 65 years to life in state prison for sexually abusing two female family members, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On March 12, 2015, defendant Mark Christopher Acosta of La Puente was found guilty by a jury of four counts of oral copulation or sexual penetration with child 10 years old or younger; three counts of lewd act upon a child; and one count each of continuous sexual abuse and child molesting in case KA104800.

At today's sentencing, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Robert M. Martinez also ordered the defendant to register as a sex offender for life.

Deputy District Attorney Babette Huley of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said Acosta sexually abused two female family members at separate times between 2001 and 2009.

The first victim revealed the abuse to an adult in 2007, but the adult did not believe her, the prosecutor said.

In 2013, the second victim came forward about being sexually assaulted. As a result, the first victim also alerted authorities to the abuse she suffered.

On Feb. 21, 2014, sheriff deputies arrested Acosta and he subsequently was charged.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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